WIRTSCHAFTSFORUM NAH- UND MITTELOST®

No. 5 – September / October 2023 **C 46321**

Contents

Interview with H.E. Dr. Ali bin Amer Al Shidhani, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information	
Technology of Oman	1
Editorial	3
Personalities	3
Egypt and GIZ sign agreement to develop IT sector	4
National Day of Egypt in Berlin	4
Turkish president embarks on GCC tour, visiting Saudi Arabia, Qatar and UAE	6
Thomas Bareiß visits Turkish government representatives for bilateral talks	8
Major transportation, real estate and environmental plans in Riyadh	10
What to expect from COP28 in the UAE?	12
Oman to boost economic growth with two new free zones in Khazaen Economic City	16
Oman LNG signs deal with German company	17
Large high-level delegation from Iraq visits NUMOV to discuss German-Iraqi economic ties	20
H.E. Dr. Robert Habeck visits Südkabel GmbH to discuss market potential of the energy transition	22
Germany-MENA region trade figures (H1 2023)	24
Qatar's growing healthcare market welcomes foreign investment	25
QatarEnergy and ENOC sign 10-year deal	25
Three carriers form largest joint airline business	25
Top 50 listed companies in Egypt	26
Ministerial visit focuses on German- Tunisian relations	27
Industry 4.0 Competence Centre launched for Tunisian textile sector	27
News & projects	28
Business page	30
Business enquiries	30
Fair news	31
Exchange rates	31
Top 50 Arab family businesses	32
Present your company on the NUMOV website	33
Board of NUMOV	34
Imprint	34

NAH- UND MITTELOST-VEREIN E.V. GERMAN NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST ASSOCIATION

Kronenstraße 1, D-10117 Berlin Phone: +49 (0)30 - 206410-0 Fax: +49 (0)30 - 206410-10 E-mail: numov@numov.de Internet: www.numov.de

"Oman has channelled millions of dollars towards establishing a robust infrastructure for the ICT sector"

Interview with H.E. Dr. Ali bin Amer Al Shidhani,
Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology of Oman



Your Excellency, it is my honour to speak with you today. German companies have been active in Oman since the 1960s and this bilateral partnership remains one of the most significant in Oman's non-oil sector. In light of encouraging recent figures and forecasts regarding diversified economic growth in Oman, how do you assess the current state and the future prospects of Omani-German economic ties?

Oman's economic ties with Germany are strong and multi-faceted; spanning across many sectors, such as healthcare, engineering, renewable energy and trade. With our ongoing economic diversification efforts, particularly under Oman Vision 2040, the prospects for Omani-German economic ties are indeed promising. German expertise in areas like Industrial Revolution 4.0 and renewable energy aligns well with Oman's development plans and definitely tips the scale towards increased Omani-German investments and other economic cooperation.

Oman Vision 2040 is currently in implementation, focusing on economic competitiveness, good governance, environmental sustainability and creativity as its supporting pillars.

continued on page 14